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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6751

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MBABANE 1505

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. GDS

TAGS: ECOM, EAID, WZ

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE C-130 SALE FOR SWAZILAND

REF: STATE 172376

1. EMBASSY MBABANE UNAWARE OF ANY INTEREST BY GOS IN PURCHASE OF C-130 AIRCRAFT. CHIEF OF CIVIL AVIATION HAYES, AFTER CHECKING WITH MINISTER OF WORKS, POWER & AND COMMUNICATIONS, ALSO REPORTS THAT GOS OFFICIALS WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE INVOLVED HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF OR INFORMATION ABOUT A POSSIBLE SALE. HAYES ADVISED LOCKHEED "PROCEED WITH EXTREME CAUTION."

2. FYI. HAYES SPECULATED (STRICTLY OFF THE RECORD) THAT IF LOCKHEED HAD RECEIVED FEELERS FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO ACT ON BEHALF OF GOS, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOUTH AFRICAN ENTREPRENEUR ROSEN WHO HAS IN LAST COUPLE OF YEARS DABBLED IN VARIOUS AIRLINE PROJECTS IN SWAZILAND. NONE OF WHICH HAVE GOTTEN OFF GROUND. ROSEN HAS INCLUDED AS DIRECTORS OF HIS COMPANY, INTERNATIONAL AIR, TWO SWAZI  
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PRINCES, MASITSELA AND MSHELEVU. IF ROSEN IS BEHIND

QUERY. HAYES SPECULATES HE COULD BE USING GOS NAME ON BASIS PARTICIPATION PRINCES MASITSELA AND MSHELEVU. GOS HAS ALSO ADVISED TWO PRINCES IN QUESTION TO ACT WITH CAUTION IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH ROSEN, WHO THEY BELIEVE IS DUBIOUS CHARACTER. END FYI.

3. COMMENT: IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT ROSEN OR SOMEONE SIMILAR MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO PROCURE C-130S THROUGH SWAZILAND FOR USE IN SOUTH AFRICA, BUT THIS IS PURE SPECULATION ON OUR PART.  
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